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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-4 and 11-12 under 35 USC 101. Applicants have canceled Claims 3-4 and have amended Claims 11-12.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by the Corel reference. Based on the amendments submitted herein, and on the argument set forth below, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the remaining claims, Claims 1-2 and 5-12 are patentable over the cited Corel reference.

The present invention provides a method for generating program messages, either for display or for program-to-program communications, to be generated in different character strings. The invention allows program messages to be effectively communicated, to a user when a user needs to communicate in a language other than the language in which the program was developed, and/or to another program even when there have been changes in the

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program operation environment which would otherwise result in errors. By creating a text file which describes character strings that can be used for the program messages, and automatically opening the text file with the executable program, the invention allows the foregoing adjustments without requiring a developer to modify the source code. Applicants have amended the language of the claims to highlight the fact that the present invention generates program messages in character strings described in the text file by automatically opening the text file, and/or the search key associated with the text file, as using the text file character strings to generate the program messages.

The Corel reference is directed to the user interface of a word processing program. The cited teachings illustrate a "search and replace" operation in which text in a document file is changed by the steps of: (a) the user invoking an edit function, (b) the user selecting a text string of the document for replacement, and (c) the user selecting a substitute text string. The Corel reference does not teach or suggest that program messages be generated by automatically opening a text file which describes a (1)

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character string for use in generating program messages for a user or another program, as is taught and claimed by the present invention. The Corel reference deals only in text in a document file. It does not teach or suggest that the actual program messages generated by WordPerfect 6.1 for communication with a user or with another program be altered by automatically opening a text file, retrieving text file character strings described by the text file, and displaying or otherwise rendering the program messages using the text file character strings. (1)

It is well established that, for a reference to anticipate claim language under 35 USC 102, that reference must teach each and every claim feature. Since the Corel reference does not teach a text file being openable with the executable program, does not teach automatically opening the text file, and does not teach retrieving text file character strings for generating program messages with the text file character strings, it cannot be maintained that the Corel reference anticipates the invention as claimed. (1)

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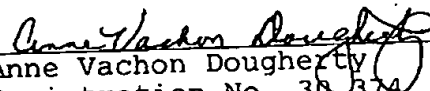
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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the amended claim language in light of the remarks, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

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